

Maine EMS Education Committee
INFORMATION SUMMARY
May 9, 2007, 9:30 A.M.
De Champlain Conference Room
Maine Department of Public Safety, Augusta, ME

Present: Dan Batsie - Chair, Rhonda Chase, Yvonne Drown, D. Russell

Absent: Steve Diaz, Mike Barter, Denys Cornelio, Bruce Davis, Don Robishaw, Skip Stewart – Dore, Joe Wellman, Paul Farrington, Robin Overlock, Scott Latullipe, Daryl Boucher, Tiffany Stebbins, Brian Chamberlain

Staff: Jay Bradshaw, Drexell White

Guests: Liz Delano, JoAnn Harrison

I. Call to Order

The meeting was not called to order due to lack of a quorum. For those present, information on agenda items was discussed, but no action was taken. The information session began at 9:35 a.m.

II. Introductions/ Public Comment

Jo Harrison, a student attending as part of the Southern Maine Community College Paramedic program, was introduced to the group.

III. Additions to Agenda

Distance Learning (Batsie)

IV. Acceptance of Past Minutes

Due to lack of a quorum, no action could be taken on the minutes.

V. Staff Report

Jay Bradshaw reported that:

- The search for a new Maine EMS Education and Training Coordinator continues. Due to the light response, the deadline for applications has been extended to June 1st.
- The Maine EMS Board will hold a retreat at Camp Mechuwana, in Winthrop, Maine on June 5th and 6th, 2007. The Board will focus on strategic planning
- Maine EMS has identified short term additional funding for regions for FY 08
- The Maine EMS Departmental Bill will have its public hearing this coming Friday, May 11, 2007
- Ben Woodard is busy training MEMSRR (Maine EMS Electronic Run Reporting) users. Funding has been secured to help provide a limited number of tablet PCs to qualified services
- EMS service inspections are underway

VI. Unfinished Business

a. 12 Lead ECG Project

Dan Batsie reported that the Ops Team has been working on reciprocity options for the 12 lead ECG project that includes Paramedic instructors and/or service medical directors completing a 12 lead verification form for current 12 lead medics. The form would not be sent to Maine EMS, but would be retained by the service as proof that its providers have met the Maine EMS 12 lead criteria.

As of May 2, 2007, all new Paramedic programs must include 12 Lead ECG objectives as part of the program.

Jay Bradshaw indicated that there would be a mailing to all services about the 12 Lead ECG project.

VII. Accreditation Work Session – Tabled for Lack of Quorum

- a. Common standards for the MEMS Accreditation
- b. Vision for Accreditation – Next Step

VIII. Protocol Revisions to Date and Impact

a. Curriculum Issues

Following up on last month's discussion about reviewing proposed protocol changes for educational requirements, members present agreed to take on the task of reviewing specific section of the Maine EMS Pre-hospital Treatment protocols:

Dan Batsie, Dennis Russell	-	Blue Section
Rhonda Chase, Liz Delano	-	Red Section

Additional sections will be assigned as needed.

IX. New Business

a. Licensure Course Attendance Policies

An issue had been raised in the Ops Team about the disparity of student attendance policies in Maine EMS courses. Discussion ensued about the need to establish a standard. This item will be on the June 2007 agenda.

b. Distance Learning

The group discussed issues surrounding distance learning (e.g., web based education) and its applicability to EMS education. This item will be included on the June agenda.

X. Adjournment

The group ceased its discussions at 10:41 a.m.

The next meeting will be on June 13, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. at Maine EMS in Augusta. Committee members are strongly urged to call the chair if unable to attend meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Drexell White